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## School board fires Doughty

### 5-0 vote ends superintendent's tenure

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Suspended Venice School District Superintendent James Doughty was formally dismissed after a five-hour meeting of the School Board Thursday.

The Board's action will almost certainly result in a civil suit against the district, which is also dealing with major problems with enrollment and funding.

The Board voted 5-0 to immediately fire Doughty, who has been suspended since July 6. Doughty's most vocal supporter on the Board, James Harrell, did not attend the meeting.

Neither Doughty nor his attorney, Charles Ford, attended.

Acting Superintendent Robert Vickers said that Ford and Doughty's doctor had sent letters

saying Doughty could not attend because he was recovering from eye surgery.

The meeting was set up as a hearing on Doughty's termination, including witnesses and a court reporter. It had been postponed twice before — the first time because Ford said he had not received requested documents in time, the second because of Doughty's health problems.

Most of the five-hour meeting was held in closed session, and about 10 witnesses were called during the evening.

Doughty had initially been suspended on July 6, and on July 22 the Board voted 6-1 to notify Doughty of their intent to terminate his contract.

Doughty had two years remaining on a three-year contract. His salary was about

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Curtiss Hartley photo

Madison County Environmental Committee members deposit items made from recycled materials into a "traveling trunk" to show support for America Recycles Day. From left are Ray Romine, Peggy Voumard, Michael Fruth (Committee Chair), County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, Larry Trucano and Ricky the Raccoon.

## Coolidge students shine

### School collects 5,286 pounds of recyclables

Twenty schools from the Metro East and St. Louis Metropolitan area participated in the 1998-1999 school year "Kids, Cans, Plus" contest, sponsored by Wise Recycling of St. Louis. Schools from Madison County were the big winners — with Coolidge Middle School of Granite City taking first place and SS. Peter & Paul School of Collinsville second. Remarkably, Coolidge collected 5,286 pounds and Peter & Paul 1,489.

"It's exciting to watch children get involved in keeping their environment clean and earn cash for their schools during the school year," said Donna Johnson, Wise Recycling office manager. "Wise Recycling LLC certainly appreciates their hard work."

On Wednesday morning at the Madison

County Administration Building in Edwardsville, Johnson and Norman Schultz, Wise Recycling plant manager, presented a \$150.00 check to Coolidge Middle School Principal Rick Talley, Special Education teacher Cheryl Owen and teachers aide Debbie Reeves and a \$100 check to SS. Peter & Paul School recycling coordinator Carolyn Starr.

"They were instrumental with their school's success," Johnson said. "The children should be proud of their accomplishments and so should they."

According to Johnson, students collected cans by the way of the school's soda machines and, at Peter & Paul, also through community involvement. The aluminum was taken by edu

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## Three who set fires get counseling

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

It started with curiosity a little more than two weeks ago and ended with the destruction of Granite City Carpet City as it burned to the ground. Three homes and a business sustained damage as well. Children living near the carpet store started the blaze as they mischievously

played with matches.

Chad Toeniskoetter, firefighter/paramedic, and Jeff Reiter, firefighter/engineer, recently spoke with the children responsible, and their parents, as part of their jobs as juvenile fire setters intervention specialists.

"It was very accidental with no intent. The

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## Sponsors prepare for Crusade

### Rotary hears about plans for Billy Graham appearance

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

It takes a lot of work to prepare for the thousands of people expected to attend the Billy Graham Crusade in the Trans World Dome in October.

About a year's worth, according to Ron Shea, crusade associate, who spoke about the upcoming crusade Wednesday morning at the Granite City Rotary prayer breakfast.

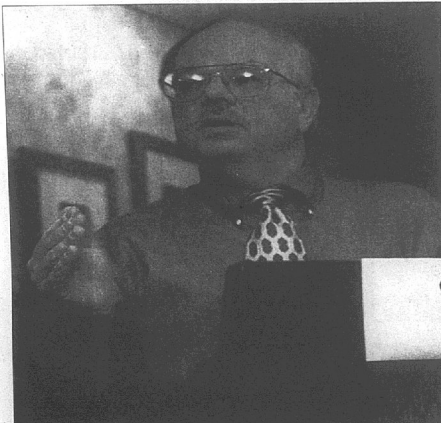
The crusade is scheduled for Oct 14 to 17. Services are scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Sunday and for 6:15 p.m., Saturday.

A children's program, "Kidz Gig" is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, and the Saturday service will be youth-oriented and include a concert by dc Talk and Kirk Franklin.

To prepare for those four days, Shea has worked in the St. Louis area for almost 10 months

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Ron Shea speaks to the Granite City Rotary Club Wednesday.

## Village considers 2nd TIF

### Plan aims at area northeast of Illinois 111 and I-270

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Ponoon Beach village officials are considering the creation of a second tax increment financing district to attract business northeast of the Illinois 111 and Interstate 270 interchange.

At Tuesday's meeting, the Board approved a resolution allowing the village to consider the TIF and pay redevelopment costs associated with it.

The proposed TIF district would include approximately 650 acres, and would include the Gateway 270 Commerce Park now under development, as well as additional properties nearby.

Village Attorney Eric Evans said the actual area of the TIF will probably be smaller when completed, but added that it was easier to include all the land in the initial planning.

Mayor Jim Denham said he believed the area would develop as office space and small warehousing.

Nearby development includes the new Lanter warehouse now under construction next to the Dial warehouse, a new restaurant to the west, and the Norfolk & Southern Triple Crown yard north of the Gateway Commerce Park.

Denham said encouraging develop

"We want to make Pontoon Beach grow."

Jim Denham  
Mayor

ment in that area is important to the village.

"We want to make Pontoon Beach grow," he said.

The village's first TIF district was established in the early 1990s southeast of the I-270 interchange, and included both residential and commercial properties.

The inclusion of residential properties in the TIF prompted a lawsuit by the Granite City School District, which eventually ended up in the Illinois Supreme Court.

The court eventually ruled in favor of the village. In other business, the Board accepted the resignation of Donald R. McNew, a member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

In his resignation letter, McNew said he was moving out of the village.

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# Job fair in its 10th year

80 to 100 employers will be at event Tuesday

By Jennifer Saxton  
Staff writer

For the 10th year, Madison County is helping people find employment with the help of area businesses.

David Stoecklin, deputy administrator from the Madison County Employment and Training Department, said the job fair is very important to businesses and people.

"There will be businesses here to just give out information and others who will be looking to hire some new employees," he said.

The Jobs Plus '99 Job Fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville. Admission and parking is free to everyone interested in the fair.

The job fair is sponsored by several organizations and area colleges, including Belleville Area College, McKendree College, Illinois

Department of Employment Security and Madison County Urban League.

There will be over 80 to 100 employers present at the job fair. Some of the businesses available to the public will be the St. Louis Blues, Excel Communications, Edward Jones, May Company, Bank of Edwardsville and Bureau of Prisons.

"Many people are not aware of the wide variety of employers who will be involved in the fair," Stoecklin said. "There will be a variety of jobs available from the first-time entry level positions to other positions for the experienced worker."

There will also be different workshops on important topics for the perspective employee. Workshops on job hunting, interviewing techniques and careers of the future will be offered throughout the day.

There will also be a free copying service available to the public.

## Counseling given to 3 who set fires

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children didn't realize the consequences," Toeniskoetter said.

During the two and one-half hour session, Reiter and Toeniskoetter made it clear to the 7 and 9-year-olds the destructiveness and deadliness of fires. They were shown pictures of the carpet fire, unrelated fires where serious injuries occurred and the damaged boat of a firefighter who eventually lost a toe when a brick wall fell on him and another firefighter while they were fighting the carpet store fire.

"By the expression on their faces they realized what they did and the pain they caused," Reiter said.

"The children are upset, concerned and very sorry," said Debra Andrews, the mother of the

7- and one of the 9-year olds.  
Ken Andrews, the father, said, "It was an accident, but my wife and I and my children feel badly that the firemen were hurt and the building was destroyed."

This fall the children will be required to write an essay at school and talk to their classmates about the fire and how it has affected them and those associated with it. Toeniskoetter and Reiter will be there to answer questions and speak about fire prevention and safety. Before the school year is over, they will visit each school in the district to address those issues.

"What we stress to the children, and what is important that they learn, is that matches and lighters are not toys, but tools that are dangerous and not to be played with," Toeniskoetter said.

## Doughty is fired by school board

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\$85,000 per year including benefits and vacation.

Under Doughty, the district had been facing increasing turmoil, including findings that more than one-third of its students were nonresidents and that it might have to pay back about \$1.1 million in state aid; large numbers of grievances and unfair labor complaints filed by both teachers and support staff; a split board; and extremely vocal community opposition.

Ford could not be reached for comment, but had said in the past that a lawsuit would be filed in the matter.

In a related matter, a scheduled meeting between officials with the district, Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools

and the Illinois State Board of Education has been rescheduled for October.

The officials will meet Oct. 19 at the office of Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs Jr. to discuss the school funding situation in Venice.

The district's enrollment and financial situation will be discussed.

The district has asked that

the state forgive its \$1.1 million debt, and while some officials have said it will almost certainly happen, no formal decision has been announced.

While the district's funding for this year will remain stable, officials at both the local and regional level said that next year's loss of state aid because of the enrollment drop could force major changes in the district.

Briggs said last week that official notices about the meeting were being sent to participants. In addition to Briggs, State Superintendent Glenn McGee, officials with the Venice School District, and local legislators are expected to attend.

A meeting had been set for Sept. 7, but had to be cancelled because of a conflict in

McGee's schedule.

Briggs said they needed to meet soon so the issue could be resolved.

"We want to get things resolved by the November veto session," he said.

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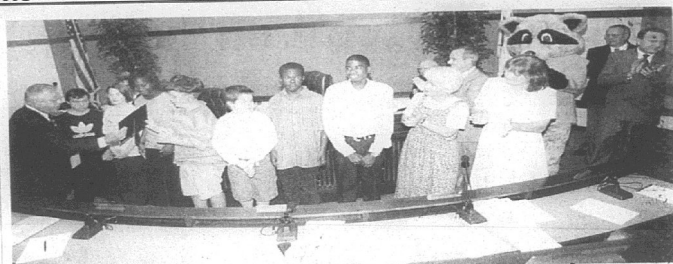
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Debbie Reeves, a teacher's aid at Coolidge Middle School, accepts the First Place plaque in the recycling contest from County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, while students look on.

## Coolidge students receive recycling honor

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cators to Wise Recycling sites in the communities. Each month the schools received a check for the aluminum, putting the money in a school checking account.

Besides the Kids, Can, Plus contest, recycling in the Metro East received another boost Wednesday as America Recycles Day. Traveling Truck arrived in Madison County. The truck has stopped throughout Illinois. It

started its journey Aug. 27 at the Illinois State Fair. It will continue until it reaches Springfield Nov. 15, stopping along the way in numerous communities so that people can place recycled items in the truck. Its next stop will be in the southern Illinois community of Murphysboro.

"It's a great way to recycle and it's a fun way," Johnson said. "I think the people like the idea."

## Police blotter

Miscellaneous:

Police are seeking charges against four Granite City teenagers and a Granite City man in regard to an incident that occurred Friday morning in the 2200 block of Grand Avenue.

Officers responded to Grand about 1:50 a.m. to find a least two cars criminally damaged. As they questioned a 19-year-old suspect, he began cursing the officers before he punched one in the stomach. The teenager had to be wrestled to the ground before he was handcuffed.

According to a police report, another 19-year-old and a 17-year-old cursed and yelled threats at the officers and were taken into custody. After the incident, the report stated a man, 26, was taken into

custody in the 2400 block of Delmar who matched the description of an individual involved in the alleged criminal damage. As he was being taken into custody, a 16-year-old girl punched the arresting officer in the chest, for which she was taken into custody.

A Granite City teenager was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center about noon, Friday for minor injuries she sustained when another teenager attacked her as she was walking home from Coolidge Middle School.

The 13-year-old was released after being treated for scrapes, bruises and a knot on her head. The attacker, a 13-year-old, was

taken into custody shortly after the incident occurred about 11:45 a.m. along Namoki Road.

According to the victim's mother, her daughter had been attacked by the same girl at least three times. The mother filed a complaint against her daughter's attacker at Granite City Police Department Friday afternoon.

Police are seeking a felony charge against a Granite City man who was driving with a revoked license.

The man, 42, was involved in an accident that occurred at 11:0 a.m., Tuesday in the 2400 block of Center. No injuries were reported.

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## Hepatitis outbreak on the wane

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

The outbreak of hepatitis A reported last week is apparently on the wane, Madison County Board of Health was told at a meeting Wednesday.

The disease, a liver ailment, broke out at three daycare centers in Madison County and has stricken 29 people so far, Ray Romine, chairman of the Madison County Board Health Committee, said.

"We feel that the biggest part of the outbreak is over," Romine said.

He said a second wave, smaller than the first, has passed, bringing the total number of cases from 26 last week to 29 - 13 children and 16 adults - at last count.

Of the adult cases, most are either a parent or grandparent of the children in the daycare. "If there is a third wave, it is usually even

smaller," Romine said.

He said Health Department members immunized 350 people in danger of contracting the disease, as well as notifying potential victims of the symptoms.

Health officials organized clinics for the people affected. The department staff paid several visits to the centers to educate daycare workers on methods to stop the transmission of the disease.

So far, the department has declined to identify the precise area where the outbreak occurred.

Hepatitis A is caused by a virus, which enters through the mouth and multiplies in the body and passes through stool. It can be carried on the hands of an infected person who does not wash his or her hands thoroughly after using the toilet.

The symptoms include fatigue, poor appetite, fever and vomiting.

## County to study plan to build new highway garage

### Board approves \$310,000 study

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

The Madison County Board voted Wednesday to spend up to \$310,000 on engineering for a new multimillion-dollar county highway garage.

The vote was unanimous and without debate. The Highway and Buildings com-

**"We have the money on hand. It will not cost the local property taxpayer anything."**

Donald Rea  
Board member

mittees of the board approved the recommendation. The committee voted Thursday in favor of a resolution to hire AAI Campbell of Collinsville to conduct engineering and design. The resolution would also set aside up to \$310,000 for the firm's services.

Madison County Board members have discussed replacing the existing building with a new one at a cost between \$3.5 million and \$4 million, but the resolution on the engineering firm was the first official vote on the project.

Officials said they expect the members who voted in favor of hiring the architect would also be in favor of the building project, so it appears the project will go through without opposition.

The engineering firm is expected to come up with exact cost estimates, Marty Siglock, building administrator, said. He said that once the firm comes up with a design, the board will seek bids on the project and then commit construction money.

Motor fuel tax funds will pay for the building. The fuel tax funds come from state taxes on gasoline, funneled back to the county for road maintenance.

"We have the money on

hand," Donald Rea, Board member, said, referring to the county highway fund.

He said, "It will not cost the local property taxpayer anything."

Dave Dietzel, Madison County highway engineer, and Rea presented the proposal for a new garage last May. Board members who visited the garage on Illinois Route 143 at Pin Oak Road said the mortar is falling from between the bricks and the roof, and that the door and windows need replacing. The garage, which houses offices and a parts room, does not have hydraulic lifts, and the heating is inadequate, Dietzel said. The highway engineer's offices may be moved to the new building, Rea said.

The Madison County State's Attorney's Office would occupy the space left open if the highway administration offices move. About 32 full-time employees are based in the existing garage. About 32 part-timers are added for four months during the summer.

Bill Little, a member of the Buildings Committee, said the appearance of the building is deceiving.

"When you get inside, you see there are problems," he said.

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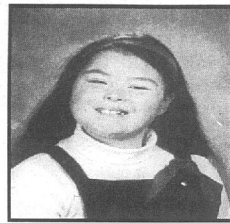
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## Opinions



Sound Off  
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# Elvis jumpsuits prove worth as teaching tool

By Kurt Erickson

The Illinois State Board of Education spent the past couple of weeks preparing us for a bombshell: Kids who took a new statewide assessment test last year did poorly.

But, in an address to the state last week, Glenn "Max" McGee, state school superintendent, said the public should not get too uptight about it.

You see, over the past several years, the state has spent millions of dollars developing a comprehensive set of "learning standards" and a tough new testing regimen that will help every child be better prepared for the marketplace in the new millennium.

If this multimillion-dollar exercise works out as planned, our kids will most likely come out of school looking as glossy as the cover on the book that holds the standards.

Of course, said McGee, the test scores are going to look a little ugly for a while until kids get up to speed.

That's their theory. When it comes to getting kids interested in learning, however, we've got one of our own. It has little to do with so-called "learning standards" being handed down by policy wonks in Springfield and everything to do with teachers and principals who interact with kids every day.

As you might expect, our theoretical model is based on a series of highly technical and thoroughly documented case studies. Here are just a few examples.

• During the 1998-99 school

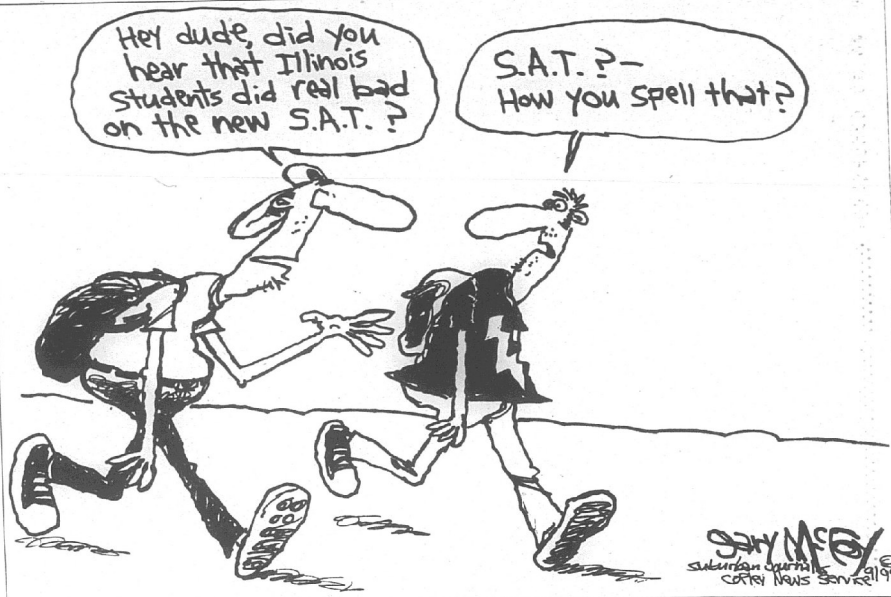
year, Jim Beyer, principal of Hopedale Elementary School in Tazewell County, challenged second-graders participating in the school's accelerated reading program to read 1,500 books before the end of the year. Knowing they'd get to shave Mr. Beyer's head if they met the goal, they read 1,700 and scored 90 percent on follow-up tests.

• In 1995, when Kurt Swearingin was principal of Brigham Elementary School in Normal, students successfully completed a similar reading challenge knowing that if they did, Swearingin would be forced to do his best Elvis Presley impression. On April 17, 1995, there he was, doing a bang-up rendition of "Blue Suede Shoes" in front of the students.

• A year later at Chatsworth Elementary School in Livingston County, Blaise DeMuth, principal, was transformed into the King of Rock 'n' Roll after students beat his challenge by reading more than 200,000 pages during a two-week challenge. Thank you, thank you very much.

• In November 1998, administrators in Chenoa, located along Interstate 55 south of Pontiac, were obliged to dance the hula-grass skirts and all after grade-schoolers met their reading challenge.

• That same November, Aaissa Frazier, principal of Heyworth Elementary School, rode a bike from classroom to classroom and then took a seat on the school roof after kids surpassed their reading goal challenge.



Though we haven't employed any high-priced consultants to track the long-term success of these models, we're guessing that most of the urchins who witnessed the odd behavior of their principals remember it fondly.

With this irrefutable proof of success in hand, we called over to the state board of education to see if we had a statewide reading improvement theory worth investigating.

Rather than spend millions on new standards and new tests, we asked if it wouldn't have been a better bargain if the state merely converted an

extra closet in one of their Springfield office buildings to serve as a lending library for various reading-improvement props.

By merely calling a handy toll-free number, principals could order whatever they need to make themselves look like fools in the name of upping reading scores.

It could be stocked with a couple of Elvis jumpsuits circa 1972; a dozen ladders for principals to use to climb on schoolhouse roofs; four sets of hair clippers; and, of course, a herd of pigs, to be used by agriculturally minded principals for kissing if students

meet their reading goals. (Note: This would be a welcome new market for farmers suffering under the current harsh economic times.)

Total price tag: \$2,459 (based on current hog prices).

We suggested our theory could even make money. Illinois State University's teaching college could schedule classes for principals needing tips.

The graduate level course could be titled "Hambone 401."

The response, however, was somewhat tepid. Our ideas weren't completely dismissed, but the gut response from the state board was that our idea

was somehow flawed, something about being too simplistic.

Okay, so maybe doing a hula dance for the kids isn't rocket science.

Let's just hope our principals don't figure that out before they lay down this year's reading challenge.

Kurt Erickson is the Illinois Statehouse Bureau chief for the Bloomington Pantagraph. The preceding column, provided by the Illinois Press Association, does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the association or this newspaper.

# Act would protect Americans' right to privacy

By F.R. Duplantier

"The Freedom and Privacy Restoration Act of 1999 forbids the federal government from establishing any national ID cards or establishing any identifiers for the purpose of investigating, monitoring, overseeing, or regulating private transactions between American citizens," Ron Paul, a congressman from Texas, the sponsor of the proposed legislation, said.

"This legislation," he said, "also explicitly repeals those sections of the 1996 Immigration Act that established federal standards for state drivers' licenses and those sections of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 that require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a uniform standard health identifier."

Paul introduced his Freedom and Privacy Restoration Act to halt what he considers "the

greatest threat to liberty today: the growth of the surveillance state. Unless Congress stops authorizing the federal bureaucracy to stamp and number the American people," he said. "Federal officials will from opening a bank account, getting a job, traveling, or even seeking medical treatment unless their 'papers are in order.'"

Paul points out that his proposed legislation also prohibits use of the Social Security number as an identifier and forbids the federal government from withholding federal funds to black-identifiers.

"One of the most onerous practices of Congress," he said, "is the use of federal funds to bribe states into obeying federal dictates."

To colleagues who claim "the federal government needs these powers to protect against

fraud or some other criminal activities," Paul said, "monitoring the transactions of every American in order to catch those few who are involved in some sort of illegal activity turns one of the great bulwarks of our liberty, the presumption of innocence, on its head."

"The federal government has no right to treat all Americans as criminals by spying on their relationship with their doctors, employers or bankers," he said. "In fact, criminal law enforcement is reserved to the states and local government by the Constitution's 10th Amendment."

Paul insists that "in a constitutional republic the people are never asked to sacrifice their liberties to make the job of government officials a little bit easier."

Were I not opposed to the cloning of human beings, Ron Paul might be the first congressman, I would recommend for the procedure. If

only we had more men like in Washington — or women, theee. (Let's chuckle in unison at the patronizing disclaimer.) Congressman Ron Paul No. 1 would propose legislation restoring all the constitutionally protected liberties that corrupt politicians have stolen away from us over the last 150 years, and Congressman Ron Paul No. 2 would second the motion. Ron Paul No. 3 through 218 would vote yea and pass the measure. Then we'd only need 51 more Ron Paul clones in the Senate. Better make that 290 clones in the House and 66 in the Senate: there'll be a veto to override.

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## Letter to the editor

### History will get it straight

TO THE EDITOR:

Historians, who treasure the truth, say it like it is, and find no need for "spin," will shape the legacy of William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States of America.

The man who has totally lost the respect of decent Americans everywhere is destined to live out his life in shame and infamy.

His Democratic senators cannot save him from himself as they saved him from impeachment. Certainly, he was formally impeached, but he was also allowed to remain in office to finish out his second term. It is no wonder that the Democrats celebrated on the White House lawn with Clinton as his impeachment by the House of Representatives was announced. They all knew that there was no way that the United States Senate would vote to remove him from office. The Democrats controlled 45 percent of the Senate vote and that was more than enough to ensure his retention.

If ever there was a partisan guilt in Congress, the Democratic senatorial mob moved to lock-step and delivered the Oval Office back to Clinton, who had all but wistfully thrown it away with his reckless

dalliances. That mob was lead by Sen. Robert Byrd, who publicly called for President Clinton's resignation and then voted against the facts to retain him in office.

But the greatest shame lies at the feet of we Americans who call ourselves voters and who claim to exercise the freedom of our Republic. Public opinion allowed the Democratic senators to enact their saving vote. They knew that the people would not rise up in protest. They knew that many of the people saw Clinton as "Slick Willy" who could beat the system and get away with it and secretly, they like that.

Judiciously, the entire Clinton fiasco was serious business. But the American people failed to see it that way.

Historically, Clinton will be seen as a rogue who did more to dismantle jurisprudence in this country than any other single human being who has ever lived. His personal conduct will be the object of ridicule for centuries to come.

Thankfully, this country of ours is stubbornly vital. We have managed to overcome the impacts of World Wars I and II. We will equally manage to overcome the after-shocks targeting our social wellbeing delivered by Clinton. His despicable behavior and the bad example, which it brought to every home in our land, can be overcome in time and with perseverance,

negative influence inflicted by him will come to a halt in January 2001. Thank God!

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# Flu vaccinations urged

## Illness can lead to other infections

By Bethany Behrhorst  
Staff writer

As autumn approaches, residents are gearing up to become "Y-flu-K" compliant. Physicians recommend individuals get an influenza vaccination to keep from catching the flu bug, which brings with it fever, chills, runny nose, sore throat, aching muscles and a cough. The upper-respiratory illness can pave the way for secondary infections in children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. Many times, it leads to pneumonia in the elderly population, which can prove fatal.

"People who have the flu are quite sick," Dr. Thomas Alan, an internist on staff at Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton, said. "They can be sick up to a week's time."

Individuals living in nursing homes and care centers, as well as health care professionals working in such facilities, are advised to get flu shots to ensure they have a better chance of fighting off the virus. It is suggested those living with chronic illnesses also should be immunized.

"In those populations, we cannot stress enough the need to get the flu vaccine," Alan said.

Day care workers, teachers, physicians, nurses and others who work with the public are warned that influenza can spread like wildfire. The illness is transferred from person to person through casual contact — such as shaking hands, touching door knobs and answering a telephone contaminated with the virus.

Alan said the flu shot offers individuals the chance to build a resistance to the virus before exposure so that it can be more easily warded off. He said there are no guarantees of the shot's total effectiveness, because the virus changes each year. He said it

is safer for individuals to take some preparatory measures. Alan also said individuals should be aware that it takes up to two weeks for the shot to have its full effect.

The flu usually strikes people during the later stages of fall and the winter months, with a peak in December, January and February. That's why Alan recommends getting the flu shot in early autumn. The vaccine usually allows individuals to build a resistance against the virus for four to six months.

Although the common cold and the flu are similar, the influenza virus causes a more severe and sometimes longer-lasting infection. Alan recommends patients who catch the flu bug get plenty of rest and drink fluids.

Influenza vaccines are created by mixing strains of the dead virus, which are known as A, B and C strains.

Influenza A causes the most severe infection. Debra Tscheschk, personal health services manager with the Madison County Department of Public Health, said two types of A-virus and one B strain are combined to make the vaccination.

Tscheschk said she hopes more elderly people and those living with compromised immune systems will take flu shots. She said statistics indicate 45.7 percent of seniors in Madison County who are not members of health maintenance organizations did not receive flu shots in 1997.

## Obituaries

### Betty Signaigo

BETTY L. (HILLER) SIGNAIGO, 69, of Glen Carbon, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 1999, at her residence. She was born Aug. 5, 1930, in Granite City, Mo. Mrs. Signaigo was a dental assistant for Dr. Green for 25 years, a member of Center Grove Presbyterian Church in Edwardsville and worked as an assistant to Dr. Morrison for one year.

She is survived by her husband, James "Frank" Signaigo; her mother, Mildred L. (Smith) Hiller; a son, Louis Signaigo of Midwest City, Okla.; a daughter, Samba Kuzma of Granite City; a sister, Janet Harris of Granite City, and two grandchildren, Heather Signaigo of Oklahoma, and Jennie Kuzma of Granite City.

Funeral services were Saturday at Center Grove Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Tony Casoria officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Irwin-Scott Chapel in Glen Carbon handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Center Grove Presbyterian Church.

### Alvin Phillips

ALVIN PHILLIPS, 66, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, at Doctor's Hospital in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

He was born Oct. 31, 1932, in Stonefort, Mo. Phillips was a retired steelworker and inspector for Granite City Steel. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 67. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth Hooker of Wood River, Ellen Ledwith of Wood River, and Debbie Hollingsworth of Wood River; two sons, Steve Phillips of Farmers Branch, Texas, and David Phillips of Wabasha, Minn.; four brothers, Robert Phillips of Galatia, Richard Phillips of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Herschel Phillips of Eldorado, and Edward Phillips of Flak, Mo.; three sisters, Lucille Hauser of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Jo Jo of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Carol Whitehead of Ellington, Mo., and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Lillie (Mitchell) Phillips.

Funeral services were at Betty Funeral Home in Carrier Mills with the Rev. Lucille Hauser officiating. Burial was in Transient Cemetery in Stonefort.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### James Mayberry

JAMES B. MAYBERRY, 71, of Edwardsville, died at 4:26 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

He was born May 2, 1928, in Carlinville, Mo. Mayberry served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was a retired tower operator for the CB & Q Railroad in Alton.

He is survived by his wife, Mary A. (Kassel) Mayberry; two sons, James W. Mayberry of Gillespie, and Danny Mayberry of Granite City; three daughters, Marilyn Mayberry of Wood River, and Anna and Sara Mayberry, both of Edwardsville; a sister, Neta Barton of Wood River; and three grandchildren, Bryan Hawley and Brannan and Kaitlin Mayberry.

Visitation is scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Water Funeral Home in Edwardsville. Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

### Peter Kaleta

PETER R. KALETA, 86, of Granite City, died at 9:42 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1999.

He was born June 18, 1913 in Carnegie, Pa. Mr. Kaleta was a crane operator for Granite City Steel for 45 years and was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church in Madison.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia C. (Kromka) Kaleta; three daughters, Mary, Rose and Diane Trotts, both of Granite City; and Judy Dolmann of St. Louis; a sister, Helen Kaleta of Madison, Mo.; and five grandchildren, Gregory Pare of Lubbock, Texas, Jeffrey Pare of Edwardsville, Thola Trotts of Granite City, and three children, both of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ignatz and Mary Ann Kaleta; two brothers, Joseph and Stanley Kaleta; and two sisters, Genevieve Kondrich and Mary Kaleta.

Funeral services were Friday at Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church in Madison, with the Rev. Andrew Bakoff officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church.

### John Dine

JOHN R. DINE, 71, of Granite City, died at 1:55 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 1999, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 11, 1928, in Carbondale, Mo. Dine was a carpenter and member of Second Baptist Church in Granite City.

He is survived by a son, Matt Dine of Granite City; a brother, William Dine of Granite City; two sisters, Clara Jones and Elsie Timley, both of Granite City, and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Rosa (Powers) Dine, a sister, Georgia Tindell, and a brother, Howard Dine.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Pete Bruno officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

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Hand Newton a microphone, and magic happens. In

a business that is volatile at best and in which success sometimes is short-lived, Newton has performed live for more than 30 million people, and on television and recordings to many times that number.

He has made 140 recordings, including the recent six-CD box set, "The Wayne Newton Dynasty Collection." He currently is working on a new triple-disc set.

Tickets to the performance are available at all TicketMaster outlets. To charge by telephone, call (314) 421-4400.

## Science Center offers 'Scouting Sundays'

Girl, Boy and Cub Scouts can work on badge requirements and have fun during "Scouting Sundays," Nov. 7, 14, and 21 at the St. Louis Science Center.

Scouting Sundays will feature a special discount on a new traveling exhibition, along with handouts those days outlining the various badges which Scouts can work on during a visit to the Science Center. Scouts and their chaperones can take a refreshment break in the Galaxy Cafe and enjoy a group discount in the OMNIMAX Theater.

Scouts and their chaperones can explore the Science Center's newest traveling exhibition, "Theme Park." This exhibition takes them behind the scenes of Universal Studio's new "Islands of Adventure."

Hands-on exhibits show how to design water rides and roller coasters, program a robot dinosaur, play in Seussland and more.

The Science Center will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Scouting Sundays. Call 533-4481.

**"Memory Of Bobby Joe Smith"**

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the many friends, neighbors and relatives who helped us get through our time of sorrow. Also to the Critical Care Unit and the doctors and nurses at the emergency room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The kind words of Pastor Delmar Shirley and a special thanks to the Werner-Mick Funeral home and very special thanks to all the people of Church.

Joyce Smith & Family

## Church slates chicken dinner

Holy Family Church, 1900 St. Clair St., Granite City, will have its annual chicken dinner and bazaar Oct. 10 in the school cafeteria at the church.

Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 for children and \$3 for children under 6. Carryouts will cost \$5.

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The walk benefits breast cancer outreach and awareness activities in St. Louis and helps fund research at the AMC Cancer Research Center. The annual event is sponsored by Alliance Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Registration will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 22 at Alliance Blue Cross/Blue Shield, 1331 Chestnut St. in St. Louis; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 25 at Bly's Ethan Allen, 455 Salem Place in Fairview

Heights, Ill.; and 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at the AMC office, 9378 Olive Blvd.

People also will be able to register at 7 a.m. the day of the event, at both Fontbonne and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Warm-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. Walkers with a goal of one, three or five miles will step out from each site at 9 a.m.

Proceeds help alert people to the positive results of early detection and state-of-the-art treatment in controlling the disease. Since 1940, the incidence of breast cancer has increased, whereas the mor-

tality rate has declined.

Participants who donate \$25 will receive a walk T-shirt and are eligible for group prizes, including a 6-foot sub-sandwich party and fitness celebration for a team with 50 members, provided by Subway, Pepsi, Martha Rounds, Slinnastics and Radio Fit America.

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## Illinois receives a \$360,000 award

By April Calvin  
Staff writer

Illinois recently received a \$360,000 award from the Justice Department to aid the fight against drunk drivers and underage drinkers.

"Working together, we've made enormous progress in reducing drunk driving in America," Bill Clinton, president of the United States, said, announcing the grants.

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The money will be used to enforce and prosecute establishments suspected of repeatedly selling alcohol to minors, for educating merchants and minors about the laws concerning underage sales and other programs as required.

"Public awareness is only going to work if people know that laws are going to be enforced," Adam Spector from the Justice Program's Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, said.

The program began last year, under the name Combating Underage Drinking.

The program is now called Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws. It was created through the 1996 Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act.

"It's intended to develop and implement a strategy to prevent underage drinking," Spector said.

"We think it's very very important that the citizens of Illinois face up to the consequences of underage drinking," Brad Fralick, MADD Illinois executive director, said.

Nationwide, MADD recently changed its mission statement to include a special mention of underage drinking. MADD gives aid to local law enforcement agencies, usually in the form of portable breath testers.

## Correctional Center workers protest Snyder's policies

Correction officers and other employees at the Southwestern Correctional Center located in the former Assumption High School complex in East St. Louis were on the picket line Wednesday protesting the policies of Donald Snyder, Illinois Department of Corrections director.

The protest was part of a statewide effort by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. According to the union, Snyder has doubled the number of executive assistants, deputy and assistant directors while leaving scores of vacancies in security positions at the line staff level.

AFSCME officials also claim Snyder has neglected vital security measures at facilities including the need for fencing and the existence of drop ceilings that provide inmates a place to hide contraband.

"Though Director Snyder calls for accountability for his staff, he himself acts as if he is accountable to no one," Henry Bayer, executive director of AFSCME Council 31, said. "But he is in fact accountable to the public and



Correction officers and other employees of the Southwestern Correctional Center in East St. Louis man the picket line.

the General Assembly and must answer for his policies." Bayer called on Snyder to work with the union to solve

problems at the facility level. "AFSCME and our members have had a hand over the years in making changes that bolster prison security," Bayer said. "When we couldn't get cooperation from the department we have gone directly to the legislature." Bayer said removal of cell curtains and control of inmate personal property, have greatly reduced the amount of contraband in state prisons.

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Mission 2000 will focus on critical questions of spiritual meaning in our lives and world today, as well as ways in which we are challenged to rediscover that which is sacred. Particular attention will be given to strengthening family life and encouraging supportive relationships. There will also be an exploration of the need we have as individuals and as a world for reconciliation in our lives. The mission will offer a graced moment to reflect upon and participate in a spiritual journey that moves us into the next century.

The topics for each evening are as follows: Sunday, 9/19 - "Search for Meaning: Rediscovering God"; Monday, 9/20 - "In Search of Meaningful Relationships: Reconciling Our Differences"; Tuesday, 9/21 - "Strengthening Family Life and Supportive Relationships: Making a Difference in the Lives of Tomorrow's Children"; and Wednesday, 9/22 - "Community for the 21st Century: Building a New World".

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# Graham will have variety of guests at his Crusade

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Billy Graham Crusade is scheduled for Oct. 14 to 17.

Special guests will include Michael W. Smith and Mary Lou Retton on Thursday; Charlie Daniels and Lou Brock on Friday; de Talk and Kirk Franklin on Saturday, and CeCe Winans and Dr. Benjamin S. Carson Sr. on Sunday.

Services are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 14, 15 and 16 and at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 17.

A special children's program "Kidz Gig" is set from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There is no cost and seats are on a first-come basis.

Counseling classes continue through this week, including several in the Metro East.

Evening classes are scheduled to run from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Local evening classes are set for Monday at First Baptist Church, 10401 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights; Tuesday at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 1200 Moreland Drive, Belleville; Granite City, Suburban Baptist Church, 2500 St. Clair Ave.; Wednesday at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2235 Bond

Ave., East St. Louis; Thursday at First Baptist Church, 1111 East Highway 50, O'Fallon, and Friday at Harvest Assembly 4598 Illinois 162, Pontoon Beach.

A Saturday class is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Monday at Son Life Church, 1203 Vandal, Collinsville.

A special deaf class is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday at Meadow Heights Baptist Church, 1498 Vandal St., Collinsville.

For more information about the classes, call (314) 428-1999.

Rehearsals for a 5,000-voice choir is scheduled from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Sept. 27 to 30. In Illinois, rehearsal will be at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville. Singers should attend only one rehearsal.

Other related events at the TWA Dome include a student prayer rally from 2 to 2:30 p.m., and prayer and dedication night from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 11, and counselor rehearsal from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 12.

This is the third crusade Graham has held in St. Louis. The first was April 19-May 17, 1953, and brought more than 318,000 people Kiel Auditorium.

## Crusade preparations well under way

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20 years, he has worked in some capacity in 23 different cities.

Shea joined the organization after attending a seminar.

"I wanted to be involved in an organization that shared God in a unique way," Shea said. "My dad's been connected to the Billy Graham Crusade for a lot of years. I talked to somebody about it in 1979 in Milwaukee, and I've been in 23 cities since then."

Community leaders invited Graham to St. Louis two years ago.

In December, they opened an office in Maryland Heights, and have been hard at work

since.

"It takes about 10 months of preparation and two months of follow-up, pretty much a year that we're in a city," he said.

So far, most of the work has been "behind-the-scenes," but that is about to change.

The most obvious preparations are classes for thousands of counselors and witnesses who volunteer for the crusade.

Most of the classes will end this week.

Shea said training is very important, both for the crusade and after.

"That's where the legacy is left, where people are trained to share their faith," he said.

As part of his talk, Shea showed videotapes about the crusade and the Love-In-Action campaign associated with it.

Love-In-Action is a local program that collects new personal items for distribution to needy people. Some of these items include bibles, toothbrushes, socks and underwear and laundry detergent.

Items will be collected at the entrance gates to the TWA Dome during the crusade.

## Classified contest winners announced

The Suburban Journals are proud to announce the winners of the Colossal Hoops Classifieds contest.

The grand-prize winner, Garry Brand, won two Continental Airlines tickets to New Jersey, plus two tickets to see the New Jersey Nets play at the Continental Airlines Arena.

The first-prize winner, Melanie Handman, won two passes to see each game of the USBWA Hoop and Quill Classic college basketball tournament, Nov. 26 through 28 at the Family Arena in St. Charles.

Second-place winners each won a set of two tickets to the Philadelphia 76ers vs. New Jersey Nets preseason basketball game Oct. 22 at the Kiel Center. Those winners are: Sayor, Helen Raffel, Deann Pappageorge, Mary Oetter, Mary Ann McClane, Mary Krumm, Harriet Fleir, Carleen Swanson, Richard Rahuka and Rick Saunders.

Third-place winners each won a \$25 gift certificate to Westfield Shoppingtowns.

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Fourth-place winners each won a water bottle commemorating the St. Louis Swarm basketball team's inaugural season. Those winners are: Allan Mosley, Barbara

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# Highway 159 projects reach unexpected 'road blocks'

By Barbara M. Cope  
Staff writer

Plans to ease the congestion of Illinois Route 159 through Edwardsville and Glen Carbon are progressing, officials said, but the path toward a solution could turn out to be a long and winding road.

Plans for Alternate Route 159, a road that would parallel the existing road from South Main Street to Center Grove Road at Cougar Drive, are moving along, with construction expected to begin next year. To facilitate the construction, Todd Halfman, land acquisition engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation, said IDOT has

Land purchase, engineering difficulties slowing plans to ease traffic congestion

been buying parcels of land for many years and has begun filing condemnation suits against holdouts.

Another planned project, commonly called the South Bypass, may prove to be more difficult. The bypass is a connector road to be built from Illinois Route 157, passing across Alternate 159 and existing Routes 159 and eventually eastward toward Interstate 55. The road would be aligned with the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville entrance on Route 157.

In its new comprehensive

plan, the city has announced its desire for the bypass to extend from an area near Shop 'n Save and Schnucks toward Illinois Route 143 near I-55. The alignment at existing Route 159, however, is up in the air.

One plan for the road runs through a parcel of land annexed into Glen Carbon several years ago. That piece of land, the Sunnyside Partnership, is a 92-acre tree farm owned by the Foucek family. The family, which historically has been opposed to development of their farm and

surrounding area, have made their position clear to IDOT, Halfman said.

"Back when we were actively buying the alignment, we bought mainly from willing sellers that listened to our offers," he said. "They made their feelings known early in the process that they were vehemently opposed to the development around them. We didn't pursue it very hard."

"We're looking at other things. Our only recourse is to condemn them, and there is no pending condemnation, so there is a gap in the alignment right now," Halfman said.

Another plan has been criticized because it would not provide an even alignment with the Goshen section of the extension.

The problems are enormous. Engineers have suggested that the even alignment would, in addition to decimating the Foucek property, under IDOT regulations necessitate the removal of the exist-

ing stoplights in front of the shopping areas immediately east of Route 159 in favor of one at the intersection with the bypass. IDOT has suggested that would mean additional turn lanes, for a total of six lanes, would be required for safety.

"It is a complex situation," Mayor Gary Niebur said. "The Illinois Department of Transportation made a recommendation some time back, and under the circumstances, with the traffic flow and land acquisition, I supported that recommendation. We have been in contact with IDOT, and we are looking at that connector. We are working with them to evaluate all options available to us."

One of the determining factors has been the likelihood of the construction of the Goshen section of the bypass. The comprehensive plan is a "blue print" of the city's projected growth for the next 20 years, Niebur said.

"Six months ago, the likelihood of the eastern side of that bypass being constructed in 20 years was minute," Niebur said, explaining the alignment would not be an immediate factor.

The traffic issues, Niebur said, are an immediate concern. Both roads are planned to open at the same time, and existing Route 159 cannot wait for a solution.

According to the comprehensive plan: "IL 159 is the most congested roadway in Madison County." It carries 27,100 vehicles daily north of the Center Grove intersection and 24,100 south of the spot. Typically, two-lane roads only carry 18,000 vehicles, but "in congested conditions, a two-lane road with good intersections capacity can carry up to 23,000 vehicles per day."

Some relief is in sight, Halfman said. "The bypass is a fairly historic job. We've been buying land kind of hit-or-miss for decades. We already own a lot of land parcels in that area," he said. "We haven't been buy-

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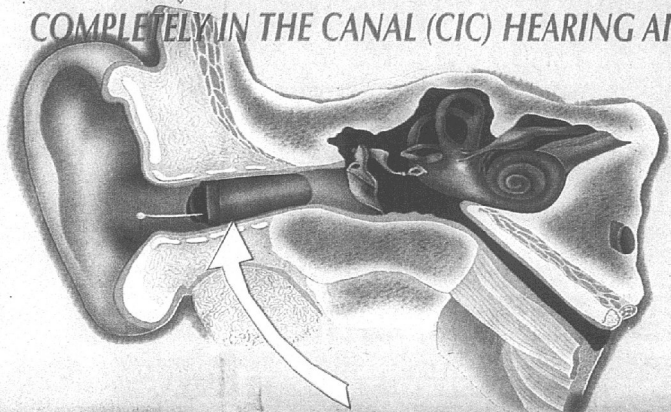
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# Sports

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**Big win**  
**Granite City pinned**  
**first loss on CBC**  
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## Warriors snap losing streak

### Break out with 2 wins

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

The Granite ship found its balance this week and got on the winning track. For the first time since its opening match against Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North, the Warriors girls tennis team got a taste of victory.

On Monday, Granite hit the road and beat Bethalto Civic Memorial 5-2.

Julie LeMaster lost at No. 1 singles to Jessica Irwin 1-6, 6-7. But Ashley Burdge soon stole the momentum at No. 2, beating Sarah Muir 7-6, 6-1. Freshman Tiffany Rath took down Jenny McDonough at No. 3 6-3, 6-2, but Chelsey Peery lost to Katie Bartels 1-6, 0-6, and the match was tied.

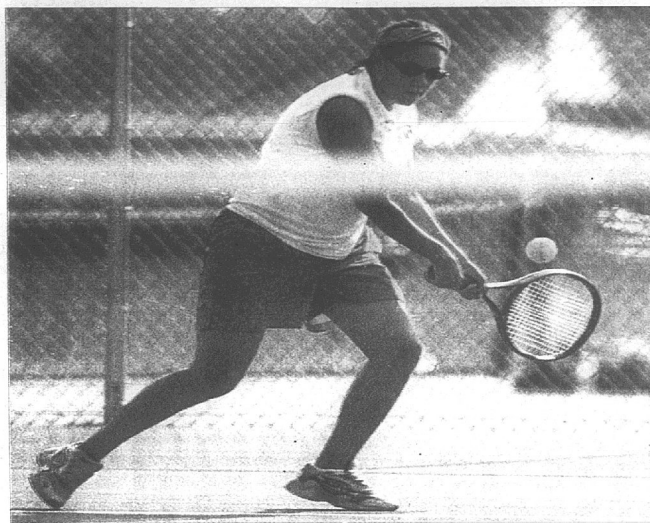
The doubles teams carried the day for the Warriors. Beth Seibold and Kathryn Isom, reunited at No. 1 after a few

matches apart, knocked off Katie Rodgers and Amy Darr 6-3, 6-1. Krista Morton and Sarah Dettwiller beat April Stephanie Haynes and Amber Barnhart 6-1, 6-4. Sarah Doty and Jill Jenkins completed the doubles sweep, defeating Jessica Klaus and Meghan Murbarger 7-5, 4-6, 7-2 (tiebreaker only).

Granite came right back and won on Tuesday, beating Roxana 6-1. Seibold and Isom beat Hilary Eatmon and Kara Scammahorn 7-6 (7-2), 6-2. Morton and Dettwiller knocked off Stacey Vassier and Sarah Ray 6-2, 6-3. Doty and Jenkins had no problem with April Schlemmer and Diane Fink, winning, 6-1, 6-4.

In singles play, Burdge beat Abby Hang 6-2, 7-6, and Rath took down Anna Darr. Peery dropped her match to Chrissy Cox in three sets 2-6, 7-6, 2-6. But most importantly, for the first time all season, No. 1

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Tim Stephenson photo

No. 1 singles player Julie LeMaster won her first match of the season on Tuesday, beating Roxana's Jamie Murbarger in straight sets.

## 1st win evades GCHS again

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

The annual gridiron grudge match between Granite City and Collinsville was intensified this year when both teams came in winless.

The Warriors left the field in that condition, dropping a 14-6 decision to the Kahoks at home Friday night.

After 10 minutes of scoreless play in the first quarter—in which Collinsville had one possession of three-and-out—the Warriors sat on the Kahoks 1-yard line with a first-and-goal. But junior quarterback Jon Franko mishandled the snap and turned the ball over, stifling the scoring opportunity.

The Kahoks drove downfield to the Granite 27 but failed to convert on fourth-and-four. Granite's possession stalled, and the Warriors were forced to punt. Collinsville began a 50-yard drive that ended in a 1-yard touchdown run through the middle by Eric Stewart.

The Kahoks led 7-0 at halftime. After a scoreless third quarter, the Warriors faced third-and-11 from their own 49. Franko hit a streaking Eric Weinhoff for a 26-yard completion and a first down. Three plays later, Franko found senior Kevin Elliott in the endzone from 21 yards out.

But Fred Beyrau's extra-point attempt missed, and the Warriors trailed by one.

But Stewart quickly regained the momentum for Collinsville when he returned the ensuing kickoff 63 yards to the Warriors' 12-yard line. Three plays later, Cory Wilson followed his blockers one yard to paydirt, and with the kick, Collinsville led 14-6.

"I just saw open ground and I ran for it," Stewart said about the return. "But I thought we already had momentum built up. It helped us a little. We have got a great offensive line, and they make the holes for us. As running backs, we just run our best. The offensive line does the job."

Collinsville coach Tim Kane said that was the turning point in the game. "That was huge," Kane said. "Not only for the field position, but that is just such a huge momentum swing."

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## Tigers take down Granite City in SWC tilt

Poor defense, missed chances fuel 3-0 loss to Edwardsville

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

Granite City has been afflicted with Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde syndrome. The week began with an uninspired 4-0 loss to Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin in Springfield.

The Warriors returned home Tuesday night and took down Richmond Heights (Mo.) CBC 1-0 with team-wide excellence. But Thursday, Granite City took a step back. The Warriors went to Edwardsville and looked flat through 80 minutes in a 3-0 loss to the Tigers.

Granite gave Edwardsville a gift just 1:58 into the game. The Warriors sent a pass from the midfield back into their own end, and the ball was misplayed by the defense.

Steve Demoulin ran on and took the ball away from four defenders. Demoulin sent the ball ahead into the box, where Luke Kreamalmeyer was waiting to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead.

"We had the ball and a player makes an errant pass into the backfield, and that started it all," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "It was just about not being ready to play. It's such an easy thing, but instead of being at midfield and heading forward, we are back in our own end."

"We felt intimidated by them before, during and after the game. They are a good team, but we thought the play was pretty much even."

Gene Baker  
 GCHS coach

and we have a big problem."

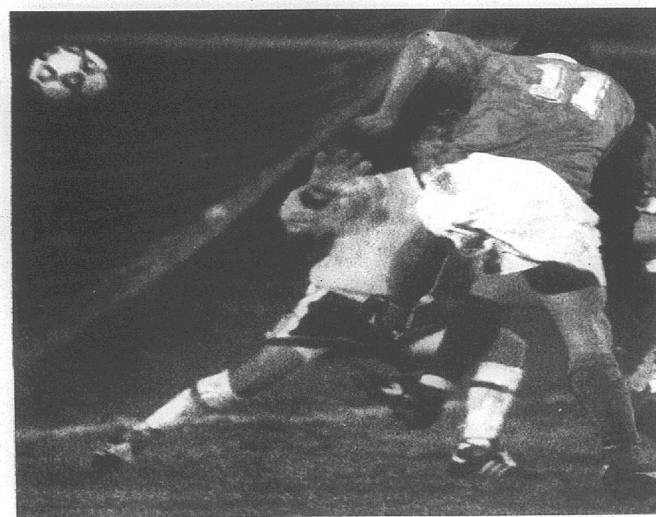
The Tiger attack roared again 21 minutes later. Senior Josh Boyd made a solo run down the right side of the Granite third, blew past the defense and headed for the goal. Boyd launched a hard, curling shot into the upper reaches of the net past keeper Justin Roehr.

The Warriors had a chance to get back in the game late in the half. Phil Reader was yanked down in the Tigers box and Granite was awarded a penalty kick with less than two minutes remaining in the opening session.

Senior Jarod McMillian hit a good shot from the spot, but Tigers keeper Nathan Gibson was better, leaping high to his left to punch the save.

Edwardsville salted away the victory with 20 minutes to

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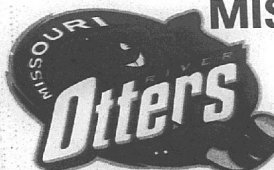
Granite City senior Ian Kessel (11) buried the lone score in Tuesday night's contest against CBC. For more on the game, see Page 3B.

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## Sports

## Former Belleville West teacher Rauth 'was one of a kind'

"He was one of a kind." I heard that more than once recently while speaking to those who knew Wally Rauth, the retired Belleville West teacher and coach who died at age 87 on Sept. 7 at Memorial Hospital.



Art Voellinger  
Sports  
Views

I knew Wally for more than 30 years not only through sports writing, but through my time as a wrestling and boys tennis coach at O'Fallon High. Without question, Coach Rauth was my mentor in those 1964 to 1969 days, when I not only had a hand in starting both wrestling and tennis at OTIS but got to coach against Wally and his Maroons teams. Others, though, had

additional insight into the coach who began teaching in the mid-1930s at West and retired after the 1972-73 school year.

"He was from the old school," said Doug Dahm, the assistant superintendent at West who not only played football as a freshman for Wally but was the son of a Maroons great on the 1938 team.

"Wally was very direct and strict on fundamentals," Dahm said.

Ed Dahm, Doug's Dad, said Rauth's exterior expressions belied his interior. "He was a kind of joker," said Ed, who not only starred as a fullback on the 1938 Maroons team that featured halfback Virgil Wagner, but joined Wagner for more success at Millikin University in Decatur.

"Wally had a gruff voice," Ed said, "but you knew he was laughing inside." Both Dahms recalled how

Rauth, as a study hall teacher, was able to maintain control of nearly 200 students at a time by allowing no talking and dropping a dictionary on the desk of anyone who tried to sleep.

Also a physical education teacher, Rauth previously taught at Union Grade School and came to Township High School after gaining recognition not only at McKendree College, where he had played halfback, but also with the professional St. Louis Gunners.

One Monday before we played the Thanksgiving Day game against East St. Louis, our coach (H.B. Tabors, for whom Rauth became a longtime assistant) said we'd have a surprise at practice," Ed said. "Wally suited up for practice that day and was taking the role of an East St. Louis back and showing some of his moves until (Maroons player) Stonewall Jackson really hit him hard. Wally took

off his helmet and said that was enough."

Responsible for helping many wrestlers and tennis players reach the state tournament, Rauth also was an avid hunter and spent much time quail hunting with the late Curt Smith of Belleville and former Maroons sports star Bob Goalby.

"He lived to hunt," Goalby said of the man he first met in the 1940s when Bob's dad, the late George Goalby, and Rauth were members of the St. Clair Pointer and Setter Club. "Wally liked everybody, and you could tease him," said Goalby. "He could laugh at himself. Not many people can do that."

In 1943, it was Coach Rauth who nicknamed freshmen football player Goalby "Bird Dog" — a name some still use when addressing the former Maroon golf champion.

Among the Maroons wrestlers to reach the state tourney under Rauth was Bob

Kaiser, a 1955 graduate who admitted that the coach was "very demanding and tough but respected."

"I'm going to miss him," said Kaiser, who also was Rauth's barber.

For those of us who knew Wally, the sentiment is shared.



Wally Rauth was a teacher and coach for more than 30 years in Belleville. He passed away Sept. 7 at Memorial Hospital.

## Overtime

A native of Belleville and son of a coal miner, Rauth was preceded in death by his wife Marian, who died Feb. 26, 1993, and by a brother, John, of Jonesboro, Ark.

As the men's basketball coach at Arkansas State, John Rauth led the Indians to their first NCAA college division tournament appearance in 1958.

Among the Maroons tennis players to gain notoriety was Frank Conner, only one of two persons ever to play in the U.S. Open tennis and golf tournaments.

## Dutchmen open season with 4-0-1 mark

Belleville Area College squad boasts plenty of depth, returning All-American

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

After a strong season in 1998, the Belleville Area College soccer team hopes to be even better in 1999. The Dutchmen have a 4-0-1 record into Thursday's home game against Forest Park Community College in St. Louis. And as usual, the Dutchmen were winning with local talent.

"We have enough depth to go 16 or 17 deep right now," said coach Larry Petri. "We struggled a little bit out of the gate against (Florissant) Valley (a 5-3 win in the season opener on Sept. 1), but we finally took control at the end. We settled in since and won a couple games pretty easily. We had a couple tough games against better teams and won one and tied one."

The Dutchmen boosted their record to 4-0 with victories against Parkland (6-1), Johnson County (1-0) and the Benedictine junior varsity (7-0). Last Sunday, BAC played to a 1-1 tie with Cloud County.

Last season, Petri's squad was 14-5, reaching the Region 24 championship game before losing 3-1 to Springfield College.

"It was a good year for us because we had been down the year before," Petri said. "I thought we brought in a pretty decent (freshman) class and they pretty

well proved me out. We were seeded No. 1 in the regional and we beat two teams that were at nationals (including NJCAA champion State Fair College of Sedalia, Mo.)."

The list of returning players from that squad is led by forward Larry Scheller, who scored 19 goals and became one of the dominant players in the region.

"Larry had a great season and ended up being an All-American, so hopefully he can duplicate that same process this year," Petri said of Scheller, who scored seven goals in his first five games this year. He's been banged up a little bit with a quad strain, so we were cautious about his playing time in a couple preseason games. He's going to draw plenty of attention and draw a lot of fouls and it's going to be a tough season for him as far as being physical. But he wants to excel, so he will excel."

Another key returning player is forward/midfielder Josh Hickam of Granite City. "Technically, Josh is a great player," Petri said. "He has an unbelievable fitness level and he loves to play the game. He likes to think he has to carry the team. He makes sure they're here to play."

Other sophomores on the team include Chris Rossetto (Collinsville), Andy Buehler (O'Fallon), defender Adam Sanchez (Granite City), defender Dennis Holland (Granite City), midfielder Paul McKee (Alton) and midfielder/forward Ryan Calvert (Wesclin). Calvert scored

a hat trick against Flo Valley.

"Rossetto gives us a physical presence in the backfield," Petri said. "He has good speed and he's a good one-on-one marker."

Buehler was in the backfield last year, but his role has sort of changed this year. He gives us an option if we need him in the backfield or the midfield."

The freshman class includes goalkeepers Josh Shiver (Collinsville) and Raul Salazar (Las Vegas), defender/forward Ben Gruenert, defender/midfielder Ben Jones and midfielder Kane Sweeney are all graduates of Belleville East High School. "Gruenert got the game winner against Johnson County," Petri said. "Kit Gaither and Sean Gregory from Collinsville solidify our defense. "Sean is a sweeper and Kit is a marking back."

"We have a couple guys from Triad. Jay Bayne is a defensive player and Barger plays central midfield. Steve Hendrickson (Granite City) plays on the outside wing. Zach Evans (a midfielder from Edwardsville) has unbelievable technical ability. He loves the game like Hickam."

Other freshmen on the team are midfielders Tim Terrell (Belleville East), Philo Fuido (Alton), Jeremy Zimmer (Cahokia) and Scott Mills (Granite City). Sophomore goalkeeper Rob Brown (O'Fallon) is also playing fall baseball, but could see more action later in the season.

## BAC attempts to repeat 1998 success

Dutchwomen lost five players from last year's 49-8 squad

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

If Belleville Area College volleyball coach Todd Gober wanted to make a highlight film of the 1998 season, he would have plenty of material to choose from.

The Dutchwomen went 49-8, placing fifth in the NJCAA national tournament. Along the way, they claimed the Region 24 championship and won the Great Rivers Athletic Conference with a 12-0 record.

And they did it with a roster comprised primarily of local players. "It was a great year with great athletes and a great group of personalities," Gober said. "It was one of those fun years as a coach."

All five sophomores on the '98 squad earned scholarships to four-year schools: two to NCAA Division I, one to Division II and two to NAIA.

"We lost some key people, including two all-Americans (Melanie Mueller, now at the University of South Florida; and Amanda Dorries, now at McKendree College)," Gober said.

"Four of those five saw regular playing time. But this year we have a very good solid group of returning sophomores and I'm really excited about our freshman class."

The Dutchwomen took a 8-2 record into this weekend's Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains Tournament in West Plains, Mo.

Gober's squad placed first with a 4-0 mark in last weekend's BAC Tournament.

Gober's co-plaintains are Shanan McLean, a 5-foot-5 outside hitter from Belleville West, and Kim Pittman, a 6-1 middle blocker from Metro East Lutheran. The other sophomores are 6-1 right side hitter Angela Durham (Mascoutah), 5-10 middle blocker Jerriann Kline (South Central), 5-11 outside hitter Stephanie Ribbing (Breese Central) and 5-6 Michelle Allen (Alton), who is one of the starting setters in the 6-2 offense.

Sarah Panzau, a 5-11 outside hitter from Belleville West, leads the freshman contingent.

"Sarah is a great athlete and she's been a great positive impact on the team," Gober said. "She came in with a great attitude and she's been hitting the heck out of the ball. She'll be starting on the outside."

Jennifer Trampe (a 5-10 freshman from Highland) is starting in the middle, which is a new position for her. She was an outside hitter in high school, but she has the quickness and jumping ability to make her very well suited for the middle blocker position."

Freshman Lindsay Orr (Edwardsville) moves from outside hitter to right side hitter. The freshman setters are Kari Karban (Alton) and Rachel Hanabutt (Red Bud).

"The biggest obstacle we've faced is the ghost of last year," Gober said. "The freshmen are not intimidated by it, but the sophomores are still in that comparison phase."

"The girls are very impatient — they want to be good right now. They need something to get their confidence up."

## Tigers' Bratten bolts to fast start

Edwardsville senior adds to his unbeaten streak

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

Edwardsville High's Andy Bratten looks determined to make his final year of cross country a special one.

The Tigers senior kept his perfect season intact Sept. 11 when he won the Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North Invitational in north St. Louis County.

"People don't realize what it takes to win a meet like that one," Edwardsville coach Jim Price said. "There were 23 schools represented there and 110 to 120 runners in the field. Andy was able to break free from a couple of guys after two miles."

While Bratten tested his ability against some different competition, the highlight so far for Bratten was a championship in the Granite City Invitational.

"That was the biggest win so far," Bratten said. "That was a big meet because we saw a lot of the same teams we will see in sectionals."

Bratten was able to finish ahead of runners from such cross country powers as Salem, Mount Vernon and Central.

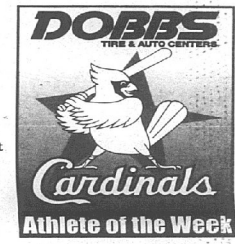
Bratten also has wins this fall at a six-team meet hosted by Edwardsville to open the season and at the Tigers Fall Classic.

The early season success for Bratten is no big surprise. He has been a qualifier for the IHSAA Class AA state cross country meet the last two years. He was a member of the Edwardsville team which qualified in 1997 and ran as an individual qualifier last year. He finished 110th at last year's state meet.

"I can't explain what happened at the state meet last year," said Bratten, who finished 14th in the 3,200 meters at the IHSAA Class AA state track meet last spring. "I didn't have my best race."

Bratten worked hard over the summer, hoping to better that mark at state this fall.

"He's like most kids who have success in cross country," Price said. "He gets



stronger every year. But one of the things that separates Andy from some of the other runners is his work ethic. He is the most dedicated runner on the team."

Bratten is not much concerned with being unbeaten as much as he is improving to make a stronger showing at the state meet.

"I want to finish as high as I can at state," Bratten said. "I would like to place but I would probably have to break 15:00 (on the three-mile course in Peoria)."

Bratten believes his experience at state the previous two years will help him at this year's state meet. "As a sophomore I was real nervous and didn't know what to expect," Bratten said. "I wasn't as nervous last year but didn't run a real good race. This year I just want to stay as close to the leaders for as long as I can."

Bratten was attempting to extend his unbeaten season Saturday as Edwardsville hosted the Edwardsville Invitational, which will likely feature about 25 teams.

"It's going to be important to do well in that one," Bratten said. "There are a lot of good teams coming to that meet."

## Bowling results

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## Silver medalists

The Stars soccer team won the silver medal in the 16-and-under boys competition at the State Games of America last month. The Stars qualified by winning the Prairie State Games earlier in the summer. Members of the team (from left to right) are: In front — Adam Wilke, Cory Frey, Todd Luitjohn, Dave Cobb, Bob Hunter, Dan Cochran, Jeremy Hodgson, Ryan Donahue, In back — coach Chad Kutscher, Mike Duckworth, Tim Gould, Rick Niedenghaus, John Oswald, Roger Gemoules, Phil Pender, Steve Blodgett, Brent Knebel, coach Brandon Cox. Not pictured: Tim Roethemeier.



# Warriors hold off Baker's alma mater

## Kessel nets lone goal as Granite City shuts out powerhouse CBC

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Gene Baker played beat the alma mater Tuesday night at the Granite City Soccer.

The Granite soccer boss took his squad up against Richmond Heights (Mo.) CBC, where Baker went to high school, and came away with a 1-0 home victory. "The fact that I went to that school is always a big thing to me," Baker said. "The fact that they are the best team in the area and coming off of a bombing of (Creve Coeur, Mo.) DeSmet also counts."

The victory was additionally satisfying

coming after the Warriors dropped a 4-0 raspberry to Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin Saturday.

"I told the kids that when you play a heavyweight schedule, a championship kind of schedule, you can redeem yourself from a not-so-perfect game, such as the one up at Springfield," Baker said. "They came back and played with a lot of heart in this game."

The Cadets laid siege to the Warriors defense in the first half, but keeper Justin Roehr and the backfield held firm. Roehr stopped CBC's best chance to score when, with three minutes left in the half, Pat Osredker broke clear into the box. Roehr held on the line and sprawled to smother

"Coach told us what to do, and we did it. He told us to play in the corners because they play defenders back and then two up top, and the space would be open in the corners. They were a great team, and we were able to get the win."

Ian Kessel  
Granite City senior

Osredker's shot.

For the game, the Warriors had only one corner kick to CBC's 14 — but they made that one count. In the 54th minute, senior Jared McMillan took a short feed on a set play and curled the ball into the Cadets' box.

Senior Ian Kessel ran onto the ball near the endline and unleashed a sharp left-footed blast into the upper reaches of the net.

"Coach was telling me to shoot it because I always cut it back," Kessel said. "So I just hit it."

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Baker said. "We have been on Ian a little bit, and I told him that I would rather have that one than 10 of the others (from farther out) for the season. "We have been telling him not to puncture the ball, go ahead and kill it once in a while, and he did."

Roehr and the defense took care of the Cadets' attack, and Mike Smith was an open-field-tackling dervish in the time remaining to preserve the shutout.

"I think we played great," Kessel said. "Coach told us what to do, and we did it. He told us to play in the corners because they play defenders back and then two up top, and the space would be open in the corners. They were a great team, and we were able to get the win."

"We just wanted to come back and bounce back from that loss to Creve Coeur and get a win."

The Warriors got a big boost from senior Josh Peacher, who played what may have been his best game in the past two years.

"I think what Josh provided was a great deal of flexibility for this game," Baker said. "He played midfield, and then he moved to the backfield when we had to match up according to their change of system, and he held up real well."

"He defended well, he gave us some height and some speed back there. His overall game, but especially defensively, was very good, and we needed that. We have been having trouble getting an additional back and especially in this kind of game the spot he had to play, out on the wing, was really important. I thought Josh did really make a strong contribution."

Baker acknowledged several players helped secure the victory.

"(Jeremy) Hickam and McMillan were great. I thought Mike (Smith) played with a great deal of heart," Baker said. "Tichie Edwards was injured and played, did all kinds of things for us all the way. (Chad) Bridgeman marked (Kevin) Hudson right out of the game. And Justin Roehr was awesome. That's what we were looking for."

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## Tigers top Granite

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play in the game. Josh Haines took a hard shot from the top of the box and hit the crossbar.

Kreamalmeyer was again in the right spot to clean up, knocking a low shot past Roehr and a scrambling Granite defense.

"On the third goal, I don't think Justin was ready for it," Baker said. "So we give the kid good credit for being ready to shoot it. He hit a good ball."

Despite owning the goal differential and the run of play most of the night, the Tigers were booked with six yellow cards, including two to senior Matt Arttrip in the second half for taking down Ian Kessel.

"We missed some good opportunities in addition to the penalty kick," Baker said. "With the six yellow cards, I think they are going to be in a lot of trouble with their card situation. But our team needs to take more daily pride in itself, and we will get that."

The Warriors dropped to 4-2-1 overall on the season and 1-1 in the Southwestern Conference.

"They were a good team, and we just played terribly," Baker said. "We may have been mentally and physically tired from the CBC game, but I don't think that was the reason we lost. I think that was a good win for us, and we should have come out here and beaten these guys. We shouldn't have given up three goals. We just didn't come out right."

Baker said. "I want to compliment Edwardsville. They were intimidating. We felt intimidated by them before, during and after the game. They are a good team, but we thought the play was pretty much even. The difference was that they were going down to the other end and scoring, and we were not."

Granite was left vulnerable and the ranks of the defense were thinned when senior Jeremy Hickam went down 16 minutes into the game with a left knee injury.

"I went for the ball, and I was a little out of it," Hickam said. "When I hit it, my toes hit the ground, and I felt a pop in my knee. I was working it out and everything, and then when I went to try to kick the ball, the pain came back."

Baker has been stressing the idea of playing one full week at a time. After a game at home Saturday when St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell, this week presents the Hazelwood (Mo.) Central Tournament, a good tune-up for the state tournament later in the season, and the chance to redeem the past seven days.

"We have a good team Saturday in Francis Howell, who beat Hazelwood Central Wednesday 3-1," Baker said. "That's a good win for them, so we think they are going to be tough."

"Then we play Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. We have at least three games next week in the tournament, and hopefully, we will respond."

In the group matches, the Warriors face Whitfield at 6 p.m. Monday, Spanish Lake (Mo.) Rosary at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Althoff at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. All games will be at Rosary High School in North St. Louis County.

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## Granite City still seeks first win

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**Linda Ames**  
GCHS tennis coach

serving well. "Their attitudes were a little bit better, a little more positive, and their concentration was better. We tried to correct some of their problems and they worked to correct them. I think the level of competition was at our level, and we played well enough to win.

Grand Canyon State Highland away on Monday and host Belleville Althoff on Tuesday in Wilson Park.

"They will both be tough matches," Ames said. "We will have to play extremely well to win."

"That's the best week of tennis that we have played," Ames said. "They played really, really well. We hit the ball very well. The girls did what we asked them to do, keeping the ball in play."

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"The return was a big play," he said. "We had a breakdown on the return. We kind of had our heads up after we scored there, and that was a play that hurt us."

Franko re-entered, but on his second play from scrimmage, his pass landed softly on Beyrau's shoulder and fell into the waiting arms of Kahoks defender Tom Viviano effectively

"I think it is pretty huge to get the first win of the season obviously," Kane said. "Granite City is a sol

"I'd like to hope we can turn it around. That was the whole purpose of the effort. The biggest thing is that our kids continue to work hard and believe in the things that we are doing. That first victory always means a lot, especially after the way we started off, losing some close games. To come in and win this one is a pretty good feeling for them."

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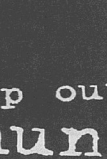
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never made much noise off the track about his achievements on the track. He did not ruffle many feathers, concentrated on racing and — of course — winning.

"I guess I would say I let my agent do all the selling, and I didn't frustrate myself with that," Gall said. "I just stuck to the riding."

Gall was not going quietly into the sunset of his career. He was still in the hunt to win the 1999 riding title and could have had six to 10 mounts on his last day of racing.

But Gall is attempting to go out on top before he gets burnt out.

"It's not as much fun as it used to be," Gall said. "You can only do something for so long before it gets repetitive."

Among the repetitive facets of Gall's career: His trips to the winner's circle.

"It's been a pleasure to have him," Fairmount Park general manager Brian Zander said.

"Anytime you can have a legend of the sport at your facility on a night-in and night-out basis, you are pretty

fortunate. We have been very, very lucky. We wish David very well.

"The up side is if you are a young jockey thinking about coming to Fairmount Park there are 120, 130 races a year now that are waiting for somebody else to win. Every once in a while a door closes for someone but opens for someone else."

Gall not only won riding titles at Fairmount Park but also had the national marks in 1979 (479 winners) and 1981 (376 winners).

Gall's reputation allowed even novice bettors at Fairmount to become familiar with the standard advice: "If you don't know which horse to bet, pick a horse ridden by Dave Gall."

"I've heard that a lot," Zander said. "Of course, what that really does is puts a little bit of undue pressure on David because what would happen is he might be on a horse that

maybe with any other jockey might be 10-to-1 odds with an outside chance to win.

However, because David is on

the horse now all of sudden he is 5-1, 3-1 or 2-1."

"A lot of times what they don't understand is, it is the public that creates the odds. By betting on David a lot of times when maybe the horse didn't merit it was a little tough. But, despite that, he is still one of the top five riders of all time."

Gall has proven resilient in recent years, fighting through injuries to continue pursuing his career. But the time and toll in recovering from the injuries were among the reasons for his retirement.

"That's one of the reasons," said Gall, who suffered a broken jaw and broken ribs in 1997 when a mount broke its leg.

In 1998, he fractured his collarbone in a mishap at the starting gate.

Gall plans to continue working in the business at some point, but he is not yet sure what his role will be.

"It's about time, isn't it? It's been a long, long time," Gall said. "I decided early this spring that I was going to finish the meet. I'm going to train a few horses next year and do other things. I don't know what I can do well; I haven't done anything else. This is all I've ever done."

# Warriors pin losses on Alton, 3 others

GCHS rebounds after tough week

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Warriors reformed the links in their chain and put together two solid

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victories this week.

Tuesday, the Warriors hosted Mascoutah and O'Fallon and shot 152 to come away with the victory. The Panthers were second at 165, followed by Mascoutah, a distant third at 185.

Dan Harper led the way for Granite City, shooting an even-par 36. Jeff Jerden carded a 37 and senior Ty Suhre a 38.

Brett Briggs scored a 41. Ryan McAteer and Brett Solberger shot 42 each, followed by Ryan Harrison (44) and Jason Dickerson (45).

On Thursday, the Warriors avenged an early-season beating, topping Alton by three strokes, 155-158.

Collinsville came in third with 172.

This time it was Ryan McAteer logging the lowest score. McAteer, who had a hole-in-one last week, shot a 36. Briggs and Harper each shot 39. Suhre and Solberger had 41, and Jerden and Harrison had 42 each. Dickerson added a 44 for the Warriors, who improved to 12-3 on the season.

"That was one of the best wins of the season," Granite City coach Boone Chaney said. "We did a good job in defeating Alton. They beat us rather soundly in their tournament (the Redford Classic on Aug. 23) to open the season. They are considered to be the best team in the area this year, so it was a good win."

After a lackluster week that saw them lose their undefeated status, the Warriors were happy to pounce on the home-green of Arlington.

"We had a bad week last week," Chaney said. "But we rebounded very well. We played at home this week and away last week, and we always play better at home."

After O'Fallon's Panther Classic Saturday, the Warriors have two more at Arlington this week. Tuesday against Belleville East and East St. Louis and Thursday against Bethalto Civic Memorial and Mascoutah. Both matches start at 4 p.m.

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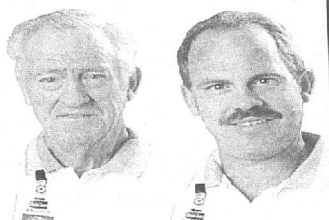
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## Road Report

Here is a look at road construction projects currently going on in the St. Louis area.

## St. Louis County

**I-44 and I-270 interchange —** The eastbound I-44 ramp to Watson Road is now open. Possible lane closures may occur on both I-44 and I-270 during non-rush hours. In the event night construction does occur, workers will be present from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., where lane closures will be on I-44 from Lindbergh Blvd. to the Meramec River.

**I-270 at Bellefontaine Road to Chain of Rocks —**  
Temporary lane closures will be in place during non-rush hours on I-270. Motorists can expect lane closures on north and southbound Riverview at I-270. Motorists have one lane on southbound Bellefontaine Road and cannot turn on to eastbound I-270. Northbound Bellefontaine Road truck traffic is now detoured to Lilac Ave.

**I-64/Route 40 from Speede Road to Kingshighway Boulevard** — Crews are resurfacing both eastbound and westbound I-64/Route 40. Motorists can expect lane closures in both directions nightly between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Crews are also making improvements to the on-ramp from Lindbergh Blvd. to westbound I-64/Route 40. Motorists can expect various

closures and narrow lanes at this location. Work will continue through October.

Route 100 (Manchester) from  
1-270 to Barrett Station Road  
— Contractor has begun  
blasting rock at Topping Road  
and westbound Manchester  
Road. Blasts will occur daily  
between noon and 3:30 p.m.  
Monday through Saturday until  
approximately Sept. 21.  
Topping Road will be shut  
down north of Pingry to  
construct the new box culvert  
at Diddle Creek. Lane closures  
on Des Peres Road will occur  
from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
weekdays. Possible lane

Route 141 north and south of Manchester Road — The Route 141 bridge over Manchester Road is now open to traffic and all ramps have been opened. The old traffic signals have been removed and the new signals have been activated. Crews are working

Temporary closures may take place during non-rush hours. A lane split is in place between Burgundy and Manchester Road and will be in place for several months. Lane closures may occur on Manchester and on Rte. 141 during non-rush hours. Possible delays may occur due to construction vehicles crossing the roadway during non-rush hour periods.

on both Route 141 and Manchester.

**Route 231 (Telegraph Road)**  
from Fine Road to Point  
Elementary School — Traffic  
is currently in its permanent  
position between Point  
Elementary to 1/4 mile south  
of Becker Road. Motorists  
should watch for trucks  
entering and exiting the  
highway south of Fine Road.  
The lane width of Telegraph  
Road has been narrowed to 10  
1/2 feet for construction from  
Point Elementary to Becker  
to 1/2 mile north of Fine Road.  
Motorists should use caution  
and allow additional time if

Route D (Page Ave.) at Seven Pines and Amiot Road Creve Coeur Mill Rd. — A temporary bypass is in place at both Seven Pines and Amiot Road. These bypasses will be in place for approximately 2-3 months. Lane closures may also occur on Creve Coeur Mill Road during non-rush hours for construction of the Creve Coeur Lake Bridge. Pavement construction traffic may cause

**Northbound I-270 from I-70** — Clayton Road — Crews are resurfacing northbound I-270 nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., to be completed by October. Expect lane closures at night.

**Route P (Mackenzie Road)** at Afton High School — Work is underway to widen the pavement in order to add a turn lane. Motorists should be

Route 67 (Lindbergh Blvd.) from just east of Route AC (Halls Ferry Road) to west of Route 367 (Lewis and Clark Blvd.) — Work is underway to improve the shoulders on Lindbergh Blvd. When necessary, lane restrictions will be in place between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## St. Louis City

I-70 from Branch Street to Riverview Boulevard. I-70 over Riverview is restricted to two lanes in each direction until spring 2000. Also, the ramp from Goodfellow Blvd. to eastbound I-70 is closed. Motorists must turn four to Strafford, then turn left on Riverview/Bircher where they can access eastbound I-70. Eastbound I-70 is in the reversible lanes from just west of Adelaide Ave. to east of St. Louis. Motorists must use the five I-70 bridges over city streets. City street closures are possible and detours will be in place. Motorists can expect lane closures on eastbound and westbound I-70 in this area during non-rush hours.

**I-70 from Riverview**  
Boulevard to Shreve Avenue  
Eastbound I-70 was switched  
into the reversible lanes  
between Riverview Blvd. and  
Kingshighway Blvd. Sept. 10.  
The ramp from eastbound I-70  
to Kingshighway Blvd. and the  
ramp from Bircher to

eastbound I-70 will close until late fall. The entrance ramp on to I-70 from westbound Bircher at Kingshighway and the exit ramp on to Union will be closed until spring. Motorists are encouraged to use the Kingshighway exit ramp to access westbound Bircher between Union and

**Riverview.** The ramp from Shreve Ave. to westbound I-70 will be closed until late fall of this year. Half of the West Florissant bridge has been removed. Motorists now have one lane in each direction on the West Florissant and Taylor Avenue bridge over I-70. Eastbound and westbound I-70 are reduced to two lanes between Shreve Ave. and Riverview Blvd. and the ramp from westbound I-70 to Union Blvd. is closed. The Union Blvd. bridge has been removed. Access to Union should be made by detouring to Riverview or Kingshighway. The project is scheduled to be completed by fall 2000.

**Viaduct** — All three eastbound and westbound I-70 lanes are open to traffic. Motorists can expect periodic single lane closures on eastbound and westbound I-70 during the day through the month of September in order to complete construction work on the highway. The eastbound I-70 exit on to Cole Street is closed. The Memorial Street on-ramp on to westbound I-70 is closed. Northbound Memorial

Drive traffic is detoured west to Fourth Street. Additional day and night lane closures may occur periodically on I-70 and the city streets beneath the viaduct.

**I-55 south of Poplar Street Bridge** — Northbound and southbound I-55 just south of the Poplar Street Bridge are restricted to three lanes from four, through October.

**I-55 and I-70 ramps to the Poplar Street Bridge** — The northbound I-55 ramp to the PSB will be closed Monday, and the ramp to southbound I-55 from westbound PSB will be closed Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. On Wednesday the westbound I-70/memorial Drive ramp to the PSB will be restricted but not closed.

1-64/Route 40 from Vandeventer Avenue to east Grand Boulevard — Crews are working to repair bridge joint between Vandeventer Ave. and Grand Blvd. Westbound lanes are narrowed and shifted one lane to the left and two lanes to the right.

## Metro East

I-64 at the split at I-55/70 to I-255 in East St. Louis — IDOT is working on a 3-mile stretch of I-64 in East St. Louis. The resurfacing and bridge rehab work is taking place on I-64 from the split at I-55/70 in East St. Louis to I-255. Motorists can expect lane restrictions in each direction until June 2000.

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# Automotive



## Mitsubishi freshens up face of Montero Sport

By Tom Strongman

Mitsubishi's Montero Sport has been given a face lift for the 2000 model year, plus the top-of-the-range Limited now sports the 200-horsepower engine from the bigger Montero.

The Montero Sport is slightly smaller, lower and costs less than its bigger brother, the full-size Montero. The four-cylinder engine and manual gearbox offered in the base model are gone for 2000. The 3.0-liter, 173-horsepower V-6 and automatic transmission are standard in all but the Limited, which gets a 3.5-liter engine. Available in ES, LS, XLS and Limited models, starting prices range from \$22,927 for a two-wheel-drive ES to \$31,357 for a four-wheel-drive Limited.

Our test vehicle, from Mitsubishi's press pool, was a pearl white Limited, and its monochromatic paint scheme was most attractive. Fender flares, integrated side steps and front and rear bumpers were the same color as the body, and with dark-tinted rear windows it looked like an off-road limousine.

The redesigned grill and front bumper enhance its visual presence and give it the look of a bulldog in a tuxedo. A wide band of chrome around the grill and the highly polished, 16-inch alloy wheels reinforce the formal look.

The Limited's 3.5-liter, SOHC V-6 is quite a nice engine. An intake system tuned to enhance low-speed torque enables it to respond strongly to the throttle at the slowest of speeds, which is crucial for getting a vehicle of this heft under way. Items such as a self-diagnosing alternator, for early warnings of trouble, and a "full-

web girdle" that reduces engine vibrations by adding support to the crankshaft area, contribute to making this engine more civilized and user-friendly.

The five-speed manual transmission is no longer offered, so the automatic comes in all models. This transmission matches its shift patterns to the driver's style as well as road conditions. If a driver accelerates hard all the time, the transmission will hold each gear longer before it shifts to extract maximum performance.

If a driver accelerates more casually, the transmission will shift sooner for smoother transitions between gears. A winter mode forces the transmission to start in second gear so it doesn't provoke wheel spin on slippery pavement.

This transmission technology is similar to that used in the Diamante and Galant sedans. Interior upgrades were made for 2000 as well. The instrument panel now has a two-tone color scheme, cup holders are integrated into the center console and a power outlet is located in the cargo area.

The dark-on-top, light-on-the-bottom instrument panel makes the inside of the vehicle feel larger while reducing glare onto the windshield.

Mitsubishi reports that the seats have been "orthopedically improved," and they were comfortable. My only gripe has to do with the seating position. The seats are mounted fairly close to the floor and that requires a legs-out sitting position that is less comfortable than a more upright one would be.

The "greenhouse," or window area, is not as

tall as the regular Montero, yet visibility is fine. The large rear hatch has a giant back window that is not only attractive but provides a wide rear view.

The roof is low, relative to the seats, which means you quickly learn to duck your head when sliding in.

The fact that the Montero Sport is built on a truck-like ladder frame that sits pretty high also contributes to the passenger compartment's low height.

A new three-link rear coil suspension has been added to the rear axle to improve ride quality as well as off-road stability. A limited-slip differential is standard on the Limited and optional on the XLS.

Even though the ride was a bit firm, it keeps the vehicle from feeling top heavy, and that adds to the sense of security in turns.

Around back, the large tailgate opens wide to reveal two sets of storage compartments under the load floor. This area usually gets wasted, and these shallow bins are useful for securing small items you don't want to be seen. Small tie-down hooks are recessed into the floor.

The split-folding 60/40 back seat has to have the bottom cushions tumbled forward, and the headrests removed, before the back can fold forward.

The base price of the four-wheel-drive Montero Sport Limited was \$31,357. The only option is leather upholstery and heated seats. The sticker price of our test vehicle was \$33,947.

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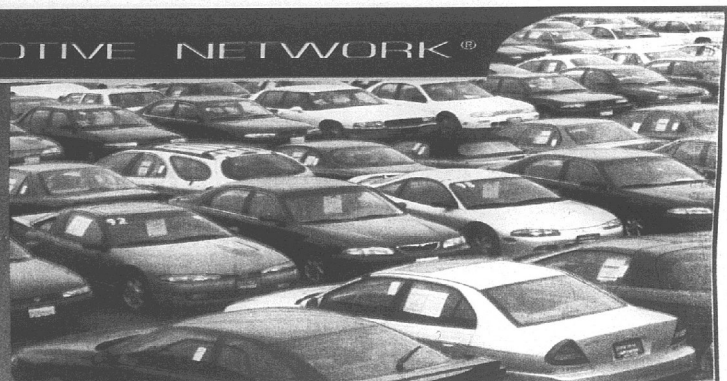
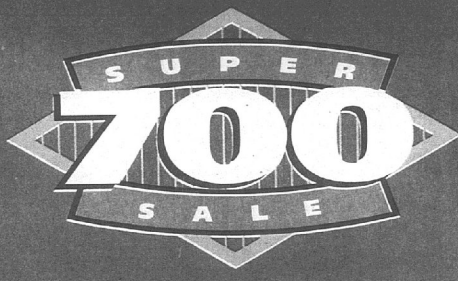
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